AGREEMENTS TO CONDUCT THE METROPOLITAN PLANNING PROCESS

Between TPB and the Fredericksburg Area MPO (FAMPO)

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Summary

- FAMPO relationship
- Federal Certification Review Recommendations
- History / Background of the "2004 TPB/FAMPO MOU"
- Process to fulfill recommendations



Fredericksburg Area MPO

- Stafford County, Spotsylvania County, City of Fredericksburg
- 11 voting members; 6 ex officio members
- 8 staff members (GWRC administrative agent)
- 2018 Estimated Population: 310,938
- UPWP budget \$2.8 million
- Not a Federal Transportation Management Area
- TPB effectively "contracts out" the planning process for Northern Stafford through the "2004 TPB/FAMPO MOU"



Federal Certification Recommendations

1. 2004 TPB/FAMPO MOU: Review the Nov. 17, 2004 agreement between TPB and FAMPO for cooperatively conducting the metropolitan transportation planning and programming process in the portion of the Washington Metropolitan urbanized area that is within the FAMPO planning area; and

Update the agreement to reaffirm and validate the mutually agreed upon roles of each MPO and in consideration of the passage of multi-year Federal surface transportation legislation to ensure that ongoing roles and responsibilities are consistent with regional, State and Federal expectations.



Federal Certification Recommendations

2. PBPP Letter of Agreement: Develop agreed upon written provisions for cooperatively developing and sharing information related to transportation performance data, the selection of performance targets, collection of data for the State asset management plan for the NHS, the reporting of performance targets to be used in tracking progress toward attainment of critical outcomes for the region of the MPO.



Why?

- The TPB's FHWA and FTA partners have strongly recommended that the TPB complete the two tasks before June 4, 2020
- The FHWA and FTA noted that they believe a review and update of the 2004 planning agreement between the TPB and FAMPO would improve the transportation planning process of the TPB for its planning area; and
- The PBPP letter of agreement is a new federal requirement (Statewide and Nonmetropolitan Transportation Planning; Metropolitan Transportation Planning regulations, 2016)

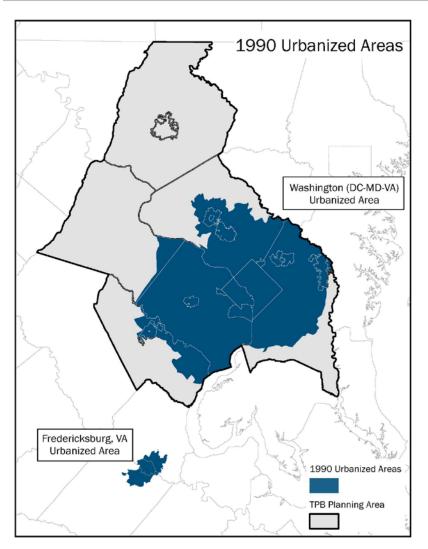


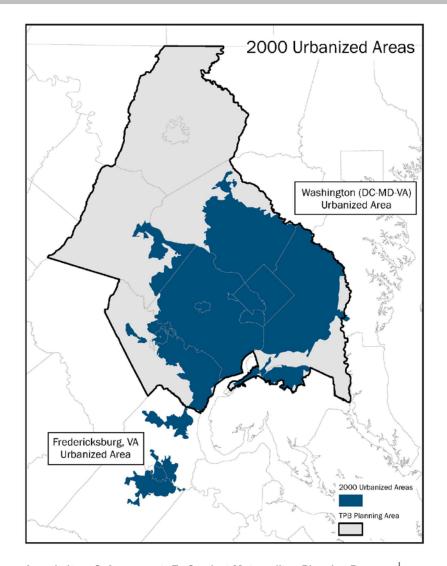
History of the 2004 TPB/FAMPO MOU

- First Executed (by TPB and FAMPO) in November 2004
- Reviewed (by TPB and FAMPO staff) in FY 2012 in response to federal recommendations of the TPB's 2010 Federal Certification review; strengthened coordination on inputs to update the Congestion Management Process
- TPB and FAMPO staff agreed, during the TPB's 2014
 Federal Certification, to review and update as needed,
 upon enactment of the FAST Act (December 4, 2015)



MOU Background

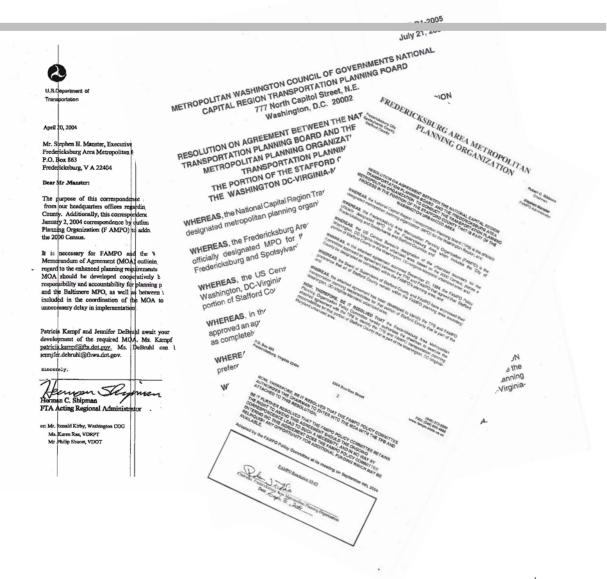






MOU Background

- Based on discussions between the TPB, FAMPO, VDOT, FHWA and FTA staff
- TPB and FAMPO adopted resolutions to enter into an agreement to have the metropolitan planning process for the Washington DC-MD-VA urbanized portion of northern Stafford County be conducted by FAMPO





What Is Involved?

2004 TPB/FAMPO MOU Update

- Affirmation Stafford County's preference; TPB's support
- Administrative Updates (Citations; Background, Etc.)
- Clarifications, Corrections of roles, responsibilities, process (as needed)
- Additions of roles, responsibilities, process (as needed)
- Federal reviews
- Board Actions (TPB and FAMPO) by May 2020

PBPP Letter of Agreement

- Identify applicable PBPP requirements
- Document roles and responsibilities
- Federal reviews
- TPB and FAMPO approval



What Is The Process?

- Board notifications (TPB and FAMPO)
 - TPB Letter and TPB Staff Briefing
 - Stafford County / FAMPO reaffirmation
- TPB and FAMPO staff coordinate work activities
 - Resource and process review
 - o Edits to MOU; draft PBPP Letter of Agreement
 - Legal and Federal Review of revised MOU and PBPP LOA
- Board briefings (TPB and FAMPO)
- Execute documents
- TPB report back to FHWA and FTA



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